

**Title:** Tough Mercy

Opening Reading: Genesis 19:1-14

3 Alerts For Your Life

Alert #1: Thanklessness is Dangerous

- cite: Ezekiel 16:49-50
- cite: Romans 1:21, 28
- The height of their sinful mayhem started with ingratitude.
- Application: Enjoy worldly goods as gifts, not gods
- cite: Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Alert #2: Half-hearted Worship is Dangerous

- cite: Genesis 19:15-22
- Quote: "All goes on as usual. There is nothing in the setting sun to say that for the last time it has shone on these rich meadows, or that in twelve hours its rising will be dimmed by the smoke of the burning cities." - Marcus Dodds
- cite: Luke 17:28-33
- Notice the focus of vv. 15-22: Lot "lingered" (v. 16)
- Half-hearted devotion to a Supremely Worthy Creator is a greater danger than the loss of all things
- Application:
  - Praise God for his "tough mercy"
  - Evaluate your response to God's grace

Alert #3: How People Really Get Saved

- Our default assumption: We are the hero of our own story
- Quote: "Most of us are mediocre, [and] make unique contributions only in the peculiar ways we screw things up." - Carl Trueman
- Lot was not spared because he was a good man
- Lot was spared because the LORD remembered the righteousness of another (v.29)
- Cite: Romans 3:26
- Application: Forget what lies behind and press on toward Christlikeness
- Cite: Philippians 3:13-14